

# ENDER'S GAME

## Comprehension Journal

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### CHAPTER 1 (pgs 1-8)

#### COMPREHENSION

1. What happens to Ender's monitor?
2. What does Stilson do with the word *THIRD*?

#### CHARACTER

3. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.1 "I've watched through his eyes, I've listened through his ears, and I tell you he's the one. Or at least as close as we're going to get."*

4. What does the following quote reveal about PETER?

*p.1 "The brother tested out impossible. For other reasons. Nothing to do with his ability."*

#### SETTING

5. What does the following quote reveal about HISTORICAL ERA?

*p.2 When he wants to play buggers and astronauts, maybe I won't have to play, maybe I can just go read a book.*

#### LITERARY ANALYSIS

6. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.2 "It was a lie, of course, that it wouldn't hurt a bit. But since adults always said it when it was going to hurt, he could count on that statement as an accurate prediction of the future."*

## CHAPTER 2 (pgs 9-15)

### COMPREHENSION

7. Why is Peter angry about Ender's situation with the monitor?
8. What is Peter's threat to Valentine and Ender?

### CHARACTER

9. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.9 "He was thorough. He didn't just beat him, he beat him deep. Like Mazer Rackham at the—"*

10. What does the following quote reveal about PETER?

*p.10 "Ender did not see Peter as the beautiful ten-year-old boy that grown-ups saw, with dark, thick, tousled hair and a face that could have belonged to Alexander the Great."*

### SETTING

11. What does the following quote reveal about SOCIETY'S CUSTOMS?

*p.11 "Peter opened his bottom drawer and took out the bugger mask. Mother had got upset at him when Peter bought it, but Dad pointed out that the war wouldn't go away just because you hid bugger masks and wouldn't let your kids play with make-believe laser guns."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

12. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.11 "But this isn't how it feels to be a bugger, thought Ender. They don't wear this face like a mask, it is their face."*

## CHAPTER 3 (pgs 16-26)

### COMPREHENSION

13. Who shows up at Ender's home to speak to his family?

14. What opportunity of a lifetime is offered to Ender?

### CHARACTER

15. What does the following quote reveal about GRAFF?

*p.19 "It isn't what he did, Mrs. Wiggin. It's why."*

16. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER'S FAMILY?

*p.23 "Not anything you do, Ender. Your life itself. Your brother hates you because you are living proof that he wasn't good enough. Your parents resent you because of all the past they are trying to avoid."*

### SETTING

17. What does the following quote reveal about THE CUSTOMS OF BATTLESCHOOL?

*p.26 "There was nothing to pack. No belongings to take. 'The school provides everything you need, from uniforms to school supplies. And as for toys—there's only one game.'"*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

18. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.17 "You're a Third, turd. You've got no rights."*

## CHAPTER 4 (pgs 27-36)

### COMPREHENSION

19. In the shuttle from Earth to battle school, what secret about gravity does Ender discover?

20. What does Ender do to Bernard?

### CHARACTER

21. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.34 "I am not a killer, Ender said to himself over and over. I am not Peter."*

22. What does the following quote reveal about GRAFF?

*p.35 "So? What will you do about it? Crawl into a corner? Start kissing their little backsides so they'll love you again? There's only one thing that will make them stop hating you."*

### SETTING

23. What does the following quote reveal about CULTURE?

*p.35 "But humanity doesn't want to die. As a species, we have evolved to survive. And the way we do it is by straining and straining and, at last, every few generations, giving birth to genius."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

24. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.34 "In your old schools, in your old families, maybe you were the big shot, maybe you were tough, maybe you were smart. But we chose the best of the best, and that's the only kind of kid you're going to meet now."*

## CHAPTER 5 (pgs 37-53)

### COMPREHENSION

25. Who are the two characters at the beginning of each chapter?
26. Whose name is signed beneath the first message to Bernard?

### CHARACTER

27. What does the following quote reveal about DAP?

*p.40 "If you have a problem, come talk to me. Remember, I'm the only person here who's paid to be nice to you. But not too nice. Give me any lip and I'll break your face. OK?"*

28. What does the following quote reveal about MICK?

*p.43 "Listen, little guy. I'm doing you a favor. Make friends. Be a leader. Kiss butts if you've got to, but if the other guys despise you—you know what I mean?"*

### SETTING

29. What does the following quote reveal about WAR?

*p. 38 "For a moment it occurred to Ender that by letting the others put him in the worst place, he was inviting later bullying. Yet he couldn't very well oust someone else."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

30. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.40 "They laughed again. Dap had a room full of friends. Frightened children are so easy to win."*

## CHAPTER 6 (pgs 54-65)

### COMPREHENSION

31. Why is Ender frustrated by the Giant's guessing game?

32. Who welcomes Ender to Fairyland?

### CHARACTER

33. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.65 "He hadn't meant to kill the Giant. This was supposed to be a game. Not a choice between his own grisly death and an even worse murder."*

34. What does the following quote reveal about ALAI?

*p.61 "Alai now moved freely through the whole room, and when Bernard was crazy, Alai could joke a little and calm him down. When it came time to choose their launch leader, Alai was the almost unanimous choice."*

### SETTING

35. What does the following quote reveal about PLACE?

*p.60 "'We don't wear socks anymore.' 'Oh yeah.' A reminder that they were both far from home. It took some of the fun out of having mastered a bit of navigation."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

36. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.61 "Dap went among the frozen boys, touching them and thawing their suits. There was a tumult of complaint that it wasn't fair how Bernard and Alai had shot them all when they weren't ready. 'Why weren't you ready?' asked Dap. 'You had your suits just as long as they did.'"*

## CHAPTER 7 (pgs 66-96)

### COMPREHENSION

37. What keeps happening to the playground equipment in Ender's computer game?

38. What very frustrating command does Bonzo give to Ender?

### CHARACTER

39. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.72 "This time, as soon as the child hit the ground and turned into a wolf, Ender dragged the boy to the brook and pulled it in. Each time, the body sizzled as though the water were acid; the wolf was consumed, and a dark cloud of smoke arose and drifted away."*

40. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.74 "Perhaps it's called the end of the world because it's the end of the games, because I can go to one of the villages and become one of the little boys working and playing there, with nothing to kill and nothing to kill me, just living there."*

### SETTING

41. What does the following quote reveal about DIALECT & LANGUAGE?

*p.75 "'Mother Petra she talking, said one of the boys, 'she talking, she talking.' Another one chimed in. \$\*!^ talking, \$\*!^ talking, \$\*!^ talking!'"*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

42. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.66 "Does it ever seem to you that these boys aren't children? I look at what they do, the way they talk, and they don't seem like little kids."*

## CHAPTER 8 (pgs 97-119)

### COMPREHENSION

43. What is the result of Rose the Nose ordering Ender to start the battle with a suicide mission?
44. Why do students stop showing up at Ender's extra practices?

### CHARACTER

45. What does the following quote reveal about DINK?

*p.103 "Dink insisted that they use the feet-first attack. As a result they hated Ender. 'Do we have to learn how to fight from a Launchy?' one of them muttered, making sure Ender could hear. 'Yes' answered Dink. They kept working."*

46. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.117 "In the mirror, Ender saw a face that he easily recognized. It was Peter, with blood dripping down his chin and a snake's tail protruding from a corner of his mouth. Ender shouted and thrust his desk away from him."*

### SETTING

47. What does the following quote reveal about the CUSTOMS of battleschool?

*p.97 "'Colonel Graff, the games have always been run fairly before. Either random distribution of stars, or symmetrical.' — 'Fairness is a wonderful attribute, Major Anderson. It has nothing to do with war.' — 'The game will be compromised. The comparative standings will become meaningless.'"*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

48. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.102 "Listen, Ender, commanders have just as much authority as you let them have. The more you obey them, the more power they have over you."*



## CHAPTER 9 (pgs 120-153)

### COMPREHENSION

49. What is so strange about Peter's photo that Ender sees in the computer game?

50. What does Demosthenes say is the most noble title any child can have?

### CHARACTER

51. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.152 "This time Ender didn't grind the snake underfoot. This time he caught it in his hands, knelt before it, and gently, so gently, brought the snake's gaping mouth to his lips. And kissed."*

52. What does the following quote reveal about VALENTINE?

*p.153 "I sold my brother," Valentine said, "and they paid me for it."*

### SETTING

53. What does the following quote reveal about MOOD and TONE?

*p.141 "There were uniformed men at the entrances to the school when Valentine arrived. They weren't standing like guards, but rather slouched around as if they were waiting for someone inside to finish his business."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

54. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.142 "Demosthenes cannot remain incognito forever. He has outraged too many wise men and please too many fools to hide behind his too-appropriate pseudonym much longer. Either he will unmask himself in order to assume leadership of the forces of stupidity he has marshalled, or his enemies will unmask him in order to better understand the disease that has produced such a warped and twisted mind."*

## CHAPTER 10 (pgs 154-172)

### COMPREHENSION

55. Who is the smartest member of Dragon army?
56. When training his new army, what disappointed him about the way he was treating his soldiers?

### CHARACTER

57. What does the following quote reveal about GRAFF?

*p.156 "Graff sat at his desk, looking fatter and wearier than the last time Ender had seen him."*

58. What does the following quote reveal about BEAN?

*p.159 "You can use a side handhold if you want," Ender said. "Go suck on it," said the boy.*

### SETTING

59. What does the following quote reveal about CULTURE?

*p.157 "Bunking will be arranged by seniority. Veterans to the back of the room, newest soldiers to the front."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

60. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.158 "At least they did me one favor—none of my soldiers is older than me."*

## CHAPTER 11 (pgs 173-199)

### COMPREHENSION

61. How does Bonzo's army use their 5-minute head start in the Arena?

62. How does Ender defeat Bonzo's army?

### CHARACTER

63. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.194 "Bean!" shouted Ender. "If you had commanded Salamander Army, what would you have done?"*

64. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.198 "Talk to me about what you're training them to do. Don't spend too long on any one thing. Most of the time you and your squad will be part of the whole army, part of your regular toons. But when I need you. When there's something to be done that only you can do."*

### SETTING

65. What does the following quote reveal about INTERNATIONAL POLITICS?

*p.174 "But my eagerness to sacrifice little children in order to save mankind is wearing thin. The Polemarch has been to see the Hegemon. It seems Russian intelligence is concerned that some of the active citizens on the nets are already figuring how America ought to use the I.F. to destroy the Warsaw Pact as soon as the buggers are destroyed."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

66. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.184 "I think they're treating you pretty badly. Usually new commanders are cheered when they first join the mess. But then, usually a new commander has had a few defeats under his belt before he first makes it in here."*

## CHAPTER 12 (pgs 200-226)

### COMPREHENSION

67. What cool new technique using the deadline does Bean discover?
68. How does Ender defeat the two armies – Griffin and Tiger – at the same time?

### CHARACTER

69. What does the following quote reveal about DINK?

*p.205 "There was a message on his desk. DON'T BE ALONE EVER. —DINK"*

70. What does the following quote reveal about BONZO?

*p.211 "The only way to end things completely was to hurt Bonzo enough that his fear was stronger than his hate."*

### SETTING

71. What does the following quote reveal about the SOCIAL TENSION @ BATTLESCHOOL?

*p.210 "Don't they realize that the first contact between us in this fight might be the end of it? This isn't like the fight in the battleroom, where no one had the leverage to do any terrible damage. There's gravity in here, and the floor and walls are hard and jugged with metal. Stop this now or not at all."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

72. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.202 "Ender Wiggin must believe that no matter what happens, no adult will ever, ever step in to help him in any way. He must believe, to the core of his soul, that he can only do what he and the other children work out for themselves. If he does not believe that, then he will never reach the peak of his abilities."*

## CHAPTER 13 (pgs 227-254)

### COMPREHENSION

73. How come Ender is able to see Valentine?

74. Instead of beating Peter, what does Ender want?

### CHARACTER

75. What does the following quote reveal about PETER?

*p.230 "It wasn't supposed to work this way. Locke was supposed to be the respected one."*

76. What does the following quote reveal about VALENTINE?

*p.231 "Perhaps it's impossible to wear an identity without becoming what you pretend to be."*

### SETTING

77. What does the following quote reveal about SOCIETY'S BELIEFS?

*p.252-253 "Why are we fighting the Buggers? ... It doesn't matter what I believe."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

78. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.253 "If the other fellow can't tell you his story, you can never be sure he isn't trying to kill you."*

## CHAPTER 14 (pgs 255-304)

### COMPREHENSION

79. What is strange about Ender's first meeting with Mazer Rackham?

80. What does Ender finally realize was "real"?

### CHARACTER

81. What does the following quote reveal about MAZER?

*p.277 "I am not a happy man, Ender. Humanity does not ask us to be happy. It merely asks us to be brilliant on its behalf. Survival first, then happiness as we can manage it."*

82. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.296 All over. Beat them. Ender didn't understand. "I beat you."*

### SETTING

83. What does the following quote reveal about WAR?

*p.297 "All their queens. So I killed all their children, all of everything." "They decided that when they attacked us. It wasn't your fault. It's what had to happen."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

84. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.264 "One is never too old to be a student of the enemy. I have learned from the Buggers. You will learn from me."*

## CHAPTER 15 (pgs 305-324)

### COMPREHENSION

85. Why don't Demosthenes and Locke want Ender brought back to Earth?

86. What do the Buggers build for Ender to find?

### CHARACTER

87. What does the following quote reveal about THE BUGGERS?

*p.322 "But still we welcome you now as guestfriends. Come into our home ... they are our adopted daughters, and they have come home."*

88. What does the following quote reveal about ENDER?

*p.323 "Let's fly away and live forever. ... We have to go. I'm almost happy here."*

### SETTING

89. What does the following quote reveal about PLACE?

*p.315 "There were crimes and quarrels, alongside kindness and cooperation; there were people who loved each other and people who did not; it was a human world."*

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

90. Think about the following quote and write about a piece of wisdom or knowledge about living as a human.

*p.320 "Your children are the monsters of our nightmares now. If I awoke you, we would only kill you again."*



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